

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 477

By Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Caroline Bentley on being named a 2009 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2009, Caroline Bentley was named a 2009 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, which holds an annual luncheon in the city to honor ten women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, in her professional life, Ms. Bentley is the former Chief Financial Officer of Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise; she is currently the Director of the United Way's Tocqueville Society; and

WHEREAS, she has volunteered her time to a number of worthy causes and organizations, including READ, the Alzheimer's Association, T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital, and the Jordan Thomas Foundation; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to the students, families, faculty and administration of the Girls Preparatory School (GPS) in Chattanooga, Ms. Bentley is a Past President of the GPS Alumnae Association and the first Chairwoman of the GPS Alumnae Advisory Council; in addition, she chaired the 2004 Visions for GPS; and

WHEREAS, she has served the boards of both Habitat for Humanity and Chattanooga Room in the Inn, and she chaired the 2008 Spectrum for the Hunter Museum of American Art; Ms. Bentley is also a Past President of the Junior League of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bentley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Caroline Bentley, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Caroline Bentley on being named a 2009 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.